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Merry Christmas

Emergency Bill For Canneries Is Proposed

Canneries Desire to Be Relieved from Necessity of Driving and Operating Traps During 1921 in Order to Hold Title to Trap Locations.

On Saturday a cablegram was received from Delegate George Grigsby regarding a proposed emergency bill that would relieve the canneries of Alaska from the necessity of driving and operating traps during the season of 1921 in order to hold titles to trap locations. The cablegram was addressed to the Chamber of Commerce. Inasmuch as this organization has been inactive for some time Mayor Grant called for a public meeting at the town hall Monday evening to discuss the matter. About 40 persons were present. C. M. Coulter was elected chairman of the meeting and J. E. Worden secretary. The chairman requested the secretary to read the cablegram from Delegate Grigsby which was as follows:

Washington, D. C.,
Dec. 18, 1920.

Chamber of Commerce,
Wrangell, Alaska.

Representatives and attorneys of cannery association are urging passage of emergency bill relieving them from necessity of driving and operating traps during season 1921 in order to hold title to trap locations, claiming they cannot operate except at great loss, and that best trap locations would be jumped unless measure passed. Proposed bill would give them priority trap locations for season 1922. Representatives state that if bill is passed will result in closing large proportion of canneries in Southeastern Alaska and Prince William sound next season. Bureau of Fisheries favor same as a conservative measure. Canneries will pay trap license for 1921, but measure will decrease territorial revenue on pack. If bill doesn't pass claim will operate best locations only coming season to extent necessary to protect priority rights. Request immediate expression of your opinion.

George B. Grigsby,
Delegate from Alaska.

The chairman called for expressions from those present regarding their attitude in this matter. The remarks of those who spoke indicated that there was a division of opinion among those present. Finally a motion was made and seconded to the effect that the secretary be instructed to wire Delegate Grigsby that Wrangell was in favor of the passage of the proposed emergency bill. A vote was taken which resulted as follows: yeas—14; nays—11; not voting—about 15.

School Closes Tomorrow for Holidays

The Christmas vacation at school will begin Friday afternoon after assembly and end on Monday, January 3. Another vacation of a week will be given at Easter time.

Why Not Face The Facts?

There is always a temptation in times like these to ignore the more sinister phases of the outlook, and seek comfort in various sophistries that offer an appearance of encouragement; but it is useless to try to deceive ourselves as to present conditions in the canned salmon business. It may be possible to disguise the situation for awhile, but the time comes when it is necessary to face the facts.

The facts are that the markets of the world are badly overstocked with salmon; consumption is at a minimum; and the costs of packing are so high that operators cannot market their product except at a heavy loss.

Labor costs and packing costs have mounted skyward for five years, and there must be a marked recession before we can get anywhere. Consumers cannot and will not pay the prices necessitated by the existing level of costs. It would be practically impossible at present to name a price that would move any quantity of fish; the fact is simply that, at the moment, the trade doesn't want it. The only apparent solution of the problem is to limit operations for a year—at least on Pinks and Chums—until costs and market conditions reach a new adjustment.

Another pack next season like the last one would bring still lower prices, with virtually no reduction of costs—and that would spell disaster for the entire salmon industry. The packer in Pink and Chum salmon districts who does not operate in 1921 will merely minimize his losses, giving the markets of the world a chance to recover their equilibrium, and allowing time for operating costs to get in line with the market. It takes no extraordinary acumen, but just ordinary business sense, to see the wisdom of radical curtailment, if not actual suspension of operations for the coming year. —Pacific Fisherman.

Birthday Party

Last Saturday afternoon Edna Mae Bidwell entertained the Wrangell Girls' Sewing Club and also celebrated the anniversary of her twelfth birthday.

The first part of the afternoon was spent in sewing after which luncheon was served. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in playing games.

Those present were Katherine Matheson, Glen Matheson, Irene Tozier, Virginia Tozier, Erna Grant, Etoline Coulter, Wilhelmina Cunningham, Adele Skelton, Dorothy Johnson, Marjorie Johnson, Margaret McCormack, Theodosia Royalty and Anne Elizabeth Matheson.

Beautiful Window Displays

The merchants of Wrangell have had unusually beautiful window displays this year. Toys, jewelry, articles of wearing apparel, tempting foodstuffs, and fruits and nuts, mingled with the brilliant reds and greens of the holiday decorations, have made the stores very attractive. The cut in prices made by several of the merchants has been appreciated by the Christmas shopper. On Christmas Eve, the stores will be kept open late as usual.

Weekly Budget Of Happenings About Town

George McLean left on the Princess Mary Friday night for Seattle.

F. E. Harvey shipped several cases of fresh fish south on the Seattle Sunday morning.

W. J. Derrough took passage to Vancouver on the Princess Mary Friday night.

Isaac Arola left on the Princess Mary Friday night for Aberdeen to look after his property interests there.

The Sanitary Packing company shipped 400 cases of canned salmon to Kelley, Clarke and company of Seattle on the Seattle Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Erickson and three children who came here from Forsythe, Montana, last week left on the Princess Pat for Craig Friday morning.

Mrs. J. W. Pritchett returned on the City of Seattle Sunday from Juneau where she had been for dental work.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Condit, superintendent of Presbyterian missions in Alaska, filled the pulpit at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Oak Olson of Juneau were aboard the Princess Mary Friday night en route to Seattle where they will spend Christmas.

The Seattle went south Sunday morning without any passengers from Wrangell if the fact that no tickets were sold at the ticket office is an indication. Harry McCormack states that this has not happened before for at least a year.

Mrs. C. G. Burnet, dramatic reader, who resided in Wrangell three years ago, and is a resident of Bellingham now, has been training a group of people who gave a play at the Forum, under the auspices of Bellingham Community Work to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims, this week. Miss Margaret Pennycook, also a former resident of Wrangell, had a part in the play.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ludwig are occupying the residence recently vacated by Adjutant and Mrs. Carruthers. It was rented to Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig by Captain Jaynes of the Salvation Army on his last visit to Wrangell, for a period of four months, at the end of which time the Army will have made definite plans about the work in Wrangell and the disposition of the property.

The American Legion elected the following officers at their meeting Thursday evening, December 16: Nick Nussbaumer, Post Commander; Ernest Campbell, vice Post Commander; Leonard Campbell, Post Adjutant; Harry Coulter, Treasurer; Julius Mason, Chaplain; George Sylvester, Athletic Officer; Richard Hanson, Sergeant-at-arms and Dr. S. C. Shurick, Service Arms Officer. The installation of these officers will take place Monday evening, January 3, and there will also be a smoker. All members are expected to be present at this time.

WILL HE COME IN?



At 7:30 Friday evening, the Presbyterian Sunday school will have their Christmas celebration at the Church. There will be a good program of songs and recitations after which the tree will be enjoyed and the distribution of gifts will follow.

There will be a midnight service at St. Philip's Church Christmas Eve with special music. The Sunday School Christmas tree and program will be on Christmas night at 7:30. The program will include a play and Christmas music, after which the presents will be distributed.

SPECIAL—Christmas candy, 50 cents a pound. Den O'Sweets.

Miss Holland, who has been instructing the Red Cross home nursing classes for the past six weeks finished her work here last Thursday and left on the Princess Pat Friday morning for Bayview. Miss Holland will return to Wrangell on her way to Ketchikan where she will organize classes. Twenty Wrangell women took the examinations here last week. Their papers were forwarded to the Division Headquarters. Five other women who did not take the examinations will receive certificates for attending 12 out of the 16 classes which comprise the course.

The first Christmas exercises in Wrangell will be held Friday afternoon when a program of Christmas carols and memory verses will be given in the assembly room of the school at 1:15. Following this program, the pupils will be dismissed. The various rooms of the school have been decorated and present a very festive appearance. At 4:30, the older pupils will meet at the schoolhouse and will begin a march around town singing Christmas carols. This is arranged as a community affair and anyone interested may join in the procession. It is the first time in several years that carol singers have paraded the town.

Robert Service

In answer to a correspondent, the Montreal Star has the following to say of Robert W. Service:

He is not a Canadian poet in the truest sense of the term. He was not born in Canada, nor did he arrive in this land in early childhood and grow up in a Canadian environment. He was born in Lancashire, England, in 1876, and when six years of age moved to Scotland with his parents. He was educated in the city of Glasgow, his higher education being received in the Hillhead High school and in the University of Glasgow. At the age of 20 Mr. Service came to Canada and made his way westward from city to city until he arrived at Victoria, B. C. The next five years he wandered back and forth on the Pacific coast, traveling as far south as Mexico, residing temporarily in every city of importance and learning by hard, personal experience, some of the deepest lessons of life. Finally he became a clerk in the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Victoria, and subsequently was stationed in Vancouver, Kamloops and Whitehorse, in the Yukon district. It was at Whitehorse that most of the poems published in "Songs of a Sourdough" were written. This volume appeared in 1907, and within a few weeks the author was famous. For Canadian poetry, the sales were unprecedented, expanding in number in a few months into the tens of thousands. The same author has given us since, "Ballads of a Chechaco," "The Trail of '98" (a novel), "Rhymes of a Rolling Stone," "Rhymes of a Red Cross Man," etc. It was the Montreal Witness which dubbed Service the "Kipling of the Arctic World," and it was soon discovered that Kipling was his favorite author. In recent years Service has dwelt in Europe—most of the time in Paris. He was engaged in the second war of the Balkans, as a correspondent, and shortly after his return married a French girl, whom he met in a romantic way. He did his bit in the great war by driving a motor ambulance, and contributed to literature during that time his "Rhymes of a Red Cross Man." He is still living and still carrying on his literary work.

Wyatt's Cafe has vacated its old location and Mrs. S. M. Wyatt is assisting Pete McGregor who has opened up the former Poodle Dog Cafe in the adjoining building.

Seattle Receives Large Cargoes Northern Furs

Total Imports Last Year \$5,858,936; Alaska's Share \$1,115,246

SEATTLE—The great fur-producing sections of the world—Alaska and Siberia—find through this port the shortest route to the greatest fur-using communities of the world. These importations have been used to some extent by Seattle institutions, tanning and manufacturing being carried on. Last year's fur-tanning in this city amounted to \$250,000 and manufactures to \$325,000.

Imports over Seattle's wharves last year amounted to 1,566 tons, valued at \$5,857,935. From Alaska came 180 tons, worth \$1,115,246; from British Columbia, five tons, valued at \$18,554; from Siberia fifty-eight tons, worth \$564,212, and from other countries of the orient 1,326 tons, valued at \$4,159,924. The wholesale fur trade of the city amounted to \$595,000 while the local retail trade was \$1,000,000.

Wrangell Will Be Represented In Next Issue of Pathfinder

Edward M. Kane, representative of Alaska's only magazine, the Pathfinder, returned to Juneau Wednesday morning on the Jefferson after spending some time in Wrangell gathering material for a Wrangell edition of the Pathfinder. This edition will be published some time in January. While Mr. Kane was in Wrangell, the importance of guarding records was impressed upon all who in any way assisted him in trying to look up necessary and valuable information. Some of the missing records were no doubt lost in the fire that destroyed so much of Wrangell in 1906. Others are not complete. The old residents came to the rescue however, and the information secured from various sources will be valuable for future reference.

Naylor Still at Large

According to news received this week from Petersburg it is alleged that "Slim" Naylor and a man named Simpson went aboard a gasboat and knocked out the owner with the butt of his pistol and then looted the boat and set it adrift. When the drifting boat was picked up the owner had partially recovered consciousness. There was a gash of several inches on his head with the skull exposed. He was taken to the Petersburg hospital and when visited by the officers told them that it was Naylor who had knocked him out.

PETERSBURG—(Thursday afternoon)—Naylor not arrested yet. Simpson caught at Juneau.

Two More Newspapers Fail

SAN FRANCISCO—The Star, a newspaper established in 1884 has suspended publication owing to the high cost of print paper.

KANSAS CITY—The Kansas City Journal which has been published as a morning paper since 1854 has gone into the hands of a receiver. The high price of paper is responsible for the Journal's embarrassed condition.

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Generous size bottle 35c.

If you are troubled with constipation or sick headache try Hamlin's Wizard Liver Whips. Just pleasant little pink pills at druggists for 30c.

How Betty Helped.

Betty heard her father say at the breakfast table, after having sat up late the night before, writing for a lecture: "I could have filled another page with ease if I hadn't been so tired, but I guess this will have to do." In a few moments Betty emerged from the library with a piece of paper covered with the letter "E." "Now, daddy," she exclaimed, "don't worry; I filled the page for you!"

The Hudson Bay company recently sent scouts into the southern Yukon to look for a site for a trading post.

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The Tree of Love

I
Am
The
Tree
Of Love
I am the light
That Christmas-tide
Brings. I am ever green
My limbs are yearning to
Bear the burden of gifts of
Noel. I live in the high, open
Spaces where God smiles bright-
est on the world, where his light
Keeps the memory of Christ's birth
Refreshed. Years ago men fought and
Knew no time to think of the Gentle
One who spoke of Love. And then one
Night a star beamed in the east and filled
Me with a sweet grace. My soul quivered,
And I was born again. And now I come
With the Christmas time to remind you of
Love—Love, that fades, but lives again. I am
But a dream unless you know me. I wish
To ache under the burden of love gifts.
Yes, I am ever green; I live forever, but
You do not know me always. I ask
You to remember the little ones
Whom Love has passed when some
Forget me. I pray the light that
Never dies shall flame out again
In your heart. For this I live.
For this I ask. I wish
To live and serve.
I am
Love
Hope
Life
I am the Tree of Love.

Make Every Day a Christmas

Too prone are we all to allow our Christmas sentiments to evaporate with the day, forgetting that there are other days in the year for a sympathetic hand clasp and an encouraging word. If Christmas is better than other days in the year, it is because the feeling of brotherhood and fellowship belongs to it.

Why not have every other day in the year filled with brotherliness and fellowship? Why not soften the asperities of life, speak the kindly word, and extend the helping hand for the other 364 days? In a word, why not make every day a Christmas? Carry the Christmas spirit with us throughout the year and say, with Tiny Tim, at all times and seasons, "God bless us, everyone."

Let us keep Christmas in this spirit, then, forgetting not to whom thanks for the many blessings and privileges of this great country of ours are due, looking forward to the age that is coming:

"When the common sense of most shall hold the fretful realm in awe And the kindly earth shall slumber lapt in universal law."

SIMPLE HOME-MADE GIFTS

Handkerchiefs, neatly hemmed and an embroidered initial adorning one corner, may be made from a stray remnant of linen or lawn.

Canvas or denim gloves for the woman who hangs out wet clothes are a boon—and so easily made on the sewing machine.

Night slippers are a joy to children who must walk upstairs after preparing for bed. Any material of downy texture is adaptable, and they are made as simply as a stocking foot.

Every country woman should have a knit, woolen corset-cover. A worn sweater, by removing the collar and lower part of the sleeves (parts, by the way, most likely to show wear) serves beautifully for this purpose.

Knowing the size of any little girl's doll, it is a simple matter to make a dress, a bonnet or cloak for it.

Mittens are neatly and quickly made on the sewing machine. Use any flexible woolen material.

A child's fur set can be made from an out-of-date fur piece, or if you have only a trifle of fur use it simply for the rim of the muff and the scarf-end.

To an invalid friend is sent your cheeriest house-plant to gladden the Christmas day.

FUN IN PLAYING OLD CHRIS

Amusement for Both Young and Old in Impersonating Blustery, Present-Laden Santa.

HERE is great fun in impersonation and none more than in taking the part of that prince of good fellows, jolly old Kris. Several little brothers, sisters or cousins should make up the audience to be amused. All of them young enough to believe implicitly in the whole story of the journey in reindeer sleigh from the North Pole to country to one's own particular chimney. Parents and other big folks must, of course, be in the scheme and coached to play an active part.

You will be missed from the company, to be sure, and dad and mother should search the house and look up and down the street and make all sorts of excuses for your absence. And if your voice cannot be continually and very successfully disguised you had better not talk, but convey your meanings by nods and motions, not forgetting to shake hands all round repeatedly and to laugh, silently but heartily, with much shaking of sides and bending over.

Santa may play at being late, and after he has filled the stockings he is caught by dad, who loudly notifies the household and insists that the old fellow pay a visit and distribute the gifts. Questions are asked about the sleigh, which is supposed to have gone on without its driver, so that the youngsters won't want to run out and look for it.

At the end of the ceremonies, which should not last over half an hour, a sudden disappearance may be arranged by calling the children to the window with the supposed discovery of the returning sleigh, and Santa may slip out of the room door, shed and hide his duds and get out of the house by the back way, returning presently, with much noise, by the front way, as though having been gone for a long time and, of course, much disappointed to have missed seeing Santa.

As for the costume, that is a matter of varied opportunity, except that the white whiskers and wig, the funny little old tasseled cap and the fat stomach are essential.

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IN FOR IT
Drum: Gee, from the looks of that husky kid, I'm in for some beating!

SACRED DAY FOR THE BABIES
Never deny the babies their Christmas! It is the shining seal set upon a year of happiness. Let them believe in Santa Claus or St. Nicholas or Kris Kringle, or whatever name the jolly Dutch saint bears in your religion.—Marion Harland.

A CHRISTMAS WISH

Father—What were you wishing?
Johnny—I'd like to be the janitor's little boy, 'cause his father has to be polite, too.

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Visiting brothers cordially invited.
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Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month at 8 p. m. sharp, at Redmen's Lodge Rooms.
Visiting brothers cordially invited.
Thomas Dalgity, Arctic Chief.
L. M. Churchill, Secretary.

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Meets every Friday evening in the Redmen's Hall at 7:30 o'clock.
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Best Christmas for a Boy

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

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ONE boy to another—for I have never gotten over being one, although I am getting as gray as a billy-goat around the ears—I want to give it as my opinion that a Christmas anywhere but in the country is no Christmas at all!

A city Christmas is a make-believe, a hollow mockery, a false alarm, an imitation. I have tried both kinds, and so I know. A city Christmas has all the tin and tinsel, and that is all. By the time you get as old and feel as young as I am, you find most of the plate worn off.

Honestly, boys (and girls), I don't think Santa Claus himself ever feels very much at home except on a rural route! He has a mighty poor job in a big town, with flies instead of chimneys, and everything. And it is hard to see where he gets room to turn a sleigh and eight reindeer around, tiny reindeer though they may be. He'll be pretty certain to bump into a hydrant or tip over on a curb.

And with twenty families all using one flue (and, what is worse, a soft coal flue at that) how in the world is the most experienced Santa going to find which is Brown's and which is Smith's, and where the Greens live? Even if he dared rap and ask (which no Santa Claus is ever supposed to do) nobody could tell him. For perhaps the Browns and the Smiths have never "met," and the Greens might live across the hall for a month before anybody thought to inquire their name.

For that is one thing you don't get much of in the city—neighbors. Sometimes when the woman across the road keeps running in just when your mother is canning, or baking, or treating a shirt-bosom kindly, but firmly with a flat-iron, your mother may almost wish that they weren't quite so plentiful in the country—but she wouldn't. She would miss them, just the same as you would miss having the same boys to play with year after year.

For in the city you are always getting a fresh lot of playmates—and sometimes they are a mighty fresh lot, too. Of course there are some good kids, also; but it always seems that just when you get to liking some fellow up the street or across the alley, the landlord boosts the rent and his folks have to move, and you never see him again. He may move only from one side of the city to the other, but it might as well be to another state. It is five or ten or twenty miles—miles of houses, no, miles of flats, and streetcar tracks, and railroads, and factories—and you never see him again or any of his folks.

The boys you know this Christmas probably won't be around at all next Christmas, if you live in the city. That is a funny thing about city folks: they are always going somewhere and never getting anywhere. Why, even if the landlord didn't raise the rent October 1 or May 1 or whenever the lease expires, they might move anyway! People who live in flats instead of homes are always looking for something better and getting something worse. They have the most wonderful collection of rent receipts, but not a foot of ground, not a roof or rafter, they can call their own.

Now, I don't know what you think, but I think that every family ought to have a house of its own, a house it lives in year after year. That is, of course, unless the father has some sort of job that makes it necessary for him to move to some other town every other year or so. But it is a great thing to live in a home, not just a house, and that is about the best place, and the only place, to have a Christmas, a real, sure-enough, honest-to-goodness Christmas.

Most of you boys who live on the farm and in the small town have that kind of home, and I wonder if you know how lucky you are? Wouldn't you hate to wake up Christmas morning and look at the ceiling and realize that someone else owned it, and then get up and go out in the front yard and realize that someone else owned that, too—why, you'd get so after awhile that, everything you saw, you would wonder who owned it!

I tell you, boys, it's a great satisfaction to have a back yard and to know it's yours, and that you can invite people into it, or invite people to stay out of it, just as you please. Why, that is what brought the Pilgrim Fathers to America—they wanted a spot they could call their own. I don't say that it was exactly a back yard they wanted, but what they wanted was some place they could play ball and no landlord of a king could come along and tell them to stop because they might break some of the royal windows. You know old King George did come along and try to make them stop—and you know what happened to the royal windows. Zzz!

And then there is this matter of snow. You know some people don't think it is much of a Christmas without snow. Now, I know quite a lot about snow because I've been acquainted with a lot of it. I have tramped through it up in the Hudson Bay country, and I've wallowed around in it in the summertime on top of the Rocky mountains. And I want to tell

you that there is a great difference in snow—that is, there is a great difference between country snow and city snow.

We may not have snow this Christmas, but we'll just suppose we do. Isn't a good, old lively snowstorm great? Perhaps it is one of these lazy snowstorms, with the big, white flakes just floating down like feathers and slowly turning the roads and roofs to white, like a coat of good white paint. Maybe there will be enough of it to make good coasting on the hills and good sleighing on the roads.

And, by the way, do you know there are boys in the big cities who have never seen a sleigh? Because a sleigh is getting to be a scarce article in the cities. You see, as soon as a little snow comes the street-cleaning department gets busy and sweeps it up, before it gets a chance to melt into slush.

In the country the winter wheat needs it, and the ground takes care of it. But in the city it just means slop and slush. So they sweep it up and carry it away and uncover the ugly pavement as soon as they can.

But they let you keep your snow in the country. When a warm wind comes along it will pack fine, and you can have your snow-men, and your snow forts, and your snowball battles. (Only please don't use your artillery on older folks, or girls, or me.)

Or perhaps this snowstorm is one of the blizzard kind, with the wind zipping around the house and piling



Snowballs Through Royal Windows.

the snow up in the corners—why that kind of snow doesn't seem to come down at all, but just goes slanting by until it runs up against something it can't pass.

I remember being on a night train one time; and when we woke up in the morning, and the train was running over the smooth prairies, a little girl from a big city in western Pennsylvania (I won't tell you what city it was but maybe you can guess) exclaimed as she looked out of the window:

"Look, Mamma! The snow out here is white!"

I don't need to say much about the Christmas dinner. But if you have your Christmas dinner in the country, the turkey perhaps is one your folks raised, or that was raised in the neighborhood—anyhow, it is pretty likely to be a native, and not a resident of a cold storage plant somewhere. Or maybe you'll have a goose or a brace of chickens. Anyway, you'll know their pedigree, and that they're fresh and good.

And it will be the same way all down the line—vegetables, and pies, and everything. And cooked!—cooked to a turn—just long enough—just short enough—just right.

And you will more than likely have one thing that they won't have at the Christmas dinner in the city, because you know the cost of living just now is mighty high, in town especially, for both rich and poor. So you will have one thing that the city boy probably will not have—

Enough!

So I could go on and show you a dozen other ways in which a Christmas in the country puts it all over a Christmas in the city, but I am going to mention just one thing more: the Christmas tree.

Of course they have Christmas trees in the city. In New York trainloads of them come down every season from the Adirondacks, and in Chicago boatloads come from Michigan's upper peninsula. You can buy them for fifty cents or a dollar, and they make very good Christmas trees indeed.

I don't know what you think about this either—but I have always thought that things I did myself and for myself were just twice the fun of things I bought myself or hired myself. And I think that especially about a Christmas tree. If you are lucky enough to be able to go out and pick your own tree, and chop it down, and bring it in—well, that's what I call a real Christmas tree!

Because that is really and truly your Christmas tree. You selected it with your own eye and chopped it down with your own axe and brought it home with your own muscle. The Christmas tree—that is your job!

Bringing in the Tree
Father gets the turkey,
Mother makes the pie—
Each one has a Christmas job
To do, and so have I.
Sister strings the popcorn
To decorate—but, gee!
I have got the biggest job—
Bringing in the tree!

Turkey is important,
Pie and such are great,
Popcorn strings you have to have
When you decorate.
But I guess a Christmas
Christmas wouldn't be
If you didn't have a boy
Bringing in the tree!

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Mr. Upshaw and Mrs. Towers
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Cradle Song
Good bye
Comrade in Arms
Duet
Mr. Carlson and Mrs. Towers
Tickets 50c and 25c

WORK WANTED—Lady desires work by the hour. Inquire Sentinel office.

Charles Finzell has returned from a hunting trip to Kenai peninsula. He reported that hunting was excellent, and in proof thereof brought back 280 pounds of moose meat, a black bear skin and the horns of a mountain ram. He secured two moose.

C. H. Anderson returned on the Jefferson yesterday from Ketchikan where he has been attending court.

Emil Peterson returned on the Jefferson from a short visit to Ketchikan.

Special—Christmas candy, 50 cents a pound. Den O'Sweets.

George Cowan returned on the Princess Pat from a sojourn of several weeks on the West Coast.

Dr. J. H. Condit returned to Juneau on the Jefferson yesterday.

District Attorney Smiser, J. W. Bell, clerk of the District Court, and Attorney Henry Roden, were aboard the Jefferson yesterday en route to Juneau from Ketchikan where they have been attending court.

Special—Christmas candy, 50 cents a pound. Den O'Sweets.

H. V. Hendrickson, recently chief of police at Ketchikan, was aboard the Jefferson yesterday en route to Juneau where he will become connected with the Juneau Daily capital in an editorial capacity. While the vessel was in port Mr. Hendrickson visited with his cousin, Miss May Crosno, principal of the Wrangell public schools.

Arrangements have been made between the Wrangell School basketball team and the Douglas School team for games here next week. The Douglas team expects to leave the Channel City on the 26th. G. C. Mitchell, former instructor at Wrangell, and now superintendent of the Douglas team.

According to the Ketchikan Chronicle William L. Paul of Wrangell was last week admitted to the bar after having passed a very satisfactory examination.

Miss Rees and Miss Swanson issued "At Home" cards for "Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus" to their pupils during the week. The hours are from 6 to 8 this evening for the younger pupils and from 9 to 11 for the older ones.

Tom Ferguson of Tokeen came in to Wrangell on the Princess Pat this week.

The Princess Pat made a special trip into Duncan Canal this week to bring in Guy Carson and H. Dannenberg who have been doing assessment work on the barite property on Castle Islands belonging to the Alaska Gold Mining company.

For Sale—Steel range and one airtight heater; also two new stationary porcelain basins, Mrs. W. C. Waters.

Miss Connie Grigwire has accepted a position in the new large branch house that Montgomery & Ward have recently opened in Portland. Miss Grigwire is very much pleased with her new work.

Word has been received here from Judge Thomas that he is very much improved in health since reaching Portland and is having an enjoyable time. The Judge does not state when he will return to Wrangell.

Notice to Public

When city water is to be shut off for making repairs fire bell will ring two taps at intervals one-half hour before water is shut off.

By order Water Committee.

Just as we go to press a cablegram is received from Washington from the aviators of the New York to Nome expedition extending Christmas greetings to their friends in Wrangell.



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School Notes

The school clocks are set daily with cable time.

The carol singers will start from the schoolhouse at 4:30 Friday afternoon instead of 4 o'clock as stated in last week's items. Everybody is cordially invited to come and help us sing.

The School Board has decided to have the Christmas vacation begin Friday afternoon after assembly. School will re-open Monday, January 3.

There will be a short musical program given in the assembly room Friday afternoon at the usual time. The room has been appropriately decorated by the pupils.

The High School basketball team has been training hard for a game with the Douglas High School team the night of December 27th at the rink. The Grade School boys will give a curtain raiser. The tickets are on sale this week. Neil Grant

The children of the Government School are very proud of their Christmas tree which they have been happily decorating through the week.

The school room will be cleared tomorrow for a party in the afternoon given by the teacher to the school children and their younger brothers and sisters.

Would Have Natives and Whites All in One School

The Ketchikan Chronicle on Tuesday contained an article contributed by William L. Paul of Wrangell in which the writer very strongly urges the abolition of the Bureau system of education for the Natives. In Wrangell and in every other town where there is a territorial school system Mr. Paul would have the Native school abolished and all the Native children sent to the territorial school with the white children. In the towns composed wholly of Natives he would have instead of the Bureau system the territorial plan with a local board of directors, even if only Natives are available.

In urging that the children of whites and Natives should attend the same schools Mr. Paul asserts that "problems as to cleanliness, etc., that arise can be met easily locally. The Native is very sensitive to ridicule."

In the closing paragraph of Mr. William Paul's article is this sentence: "This Bureau system is a failure. It could not be anything else because it is built on the un-American idea of segregation."

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Beginning at 11:30 p. m.
(Midnight Choral Service with Holy Communion)

Processional Hymn—Christians Awake	No. 56
Duet—Christmas Chimes	Mrs. J. T. Towers and C. A. Carlson
Communion Service	Prayer Book, Page 221
Kyrie Eleison	In back of Hymnal, No. 168
Hymn—While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night	No. 54
Address	Rev. Corser
Offertory Solo—O, Holy Night—Adams	Mrs. Towers
Presentation of Alms	Doxology
Hymn	No. 58
Sanctus—Holy, Holy, Holy	In back of Hymnal, No. 193
Hymn—(During Communion)	No. 319
Hymn—Hark! the Herald Angels Sing	No. 51
Anthem—(Congregation kneeling)	Silent Night, Holy Night
Recessional Hymn—O Come All Ye Faithful	No. 49
Benediction	

Song Service, Sunday Evening, 7:30	
Processional Hymn	No. 60
Solo—O Holy Night	Mrs. J. T. Towers
Evening Prayer	Prayer Book, page 16
Hymn	No. 53
Nunc Dimittis	In back of Hymnal, No. 109
Hymn	No. 51
The Lesson of Christmas	Mrs. Towers
Offertory Duet—As With Gladness Men of Old	
	Mrs. Johnson and Mr. C. A. Carlson
Presentation of Alms	Doxology
Solo—Ave Maria—Millard	Mrs. McLaughlin
Hymn—(Congregation kneeling)	Silent Night, Holy Night
Recessional Hymn	No. 54
Benediction	

Sergeant A. W. Crawford, formerly connected with the local cable office has received a promotion which places him in charge of the cable office at Petersburg succeeding Lieut. P. C. Lacy who has been transferred to the Seattle office.

Captain Waters brought in a shipment of cannery machinery from Craig this week on the Princess Pat. Its final disposal and destination is unknown.

Attention! Moose

The Moose lodge will give a social on the evening of the second Friday of January. Any Moose having a friend whom he wishes to invite is requested to give the name to the committee not later than January 7 in order that the proper arrangements may be made. The chairman of the committee in charge is F. B. Leonard.

Tom Lloyd came in from Red Bay on the Princess Pat.

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